



SMELTER SKELTER

Like the earthly prospectors who fled to the American West in search of gold, the skies above Planet Altor have become laden with mining vessels scouring the stars for asteroids. As a source of precious metals asteroids have no peer. When exposed to furnace-like temperatures (a process known as *smelting*) asteroids can yield enough precious metal to turn a pauper into a prince.

Xanadu Enterprises is one such mining operation. Unfortunately the company's founder, Alvin Zann, isn't content to be a prince. He wants to be king. To insure that he will achieve this goal Zann has hatched a scheme as ingenious as it is corrupt. If he succeeds, Lieutenant Patrick Brogan will lose his life; his wife, Sally, will lose the most sacred symbol of their marriage; his daughter, Liz, will lose faith in law enforcement - and the Bank of Altor will lose a hundred billion in gold, silver and platinum bullion.

The first sign of trouble occurs at a posh Demeter City jewelry store. As fate would have it Sally and Liz just happen to be enjoying a mother-daughter shopping spree when Zann and his thugs crash through the door, terrorize the patrons, smash the glass cases and pilfer every piece of metal jewelry in the store. No gems. Just metal. How curious!

Holding Sally and Liz at gunpoint, Zann plays his trump card, pulling a strange-looking, high-tech contraption out of a briefcase. With the flick of a switch, a brilliant pea-sized blue dot appears in mid-air above the device; then begins to expand into a large orb five feet in diameter. Under Zann's guidance, the orb begins to move toward the store's vault, passing cleanly through the thick steel door as if it were nothing - leaving a perfect five-foot hole in its wake.

By the time Brogan and his comrades arrive, it's too late. The thieves are gone; so is any trace of metal, including Sally's wedding ring which was ripped off her finger by one of the thugs.

Brogan and Haldane investigate the origins of this unknown and mysterious device. Leads take them to the Demeter University Research Institute. There, they learn of a Doctor Neru Reece who had been developing a machine capable of punching a hole of any size through any piece of matter - no matter how thick and impenetrable. However, when Dr. Reece refused to share the secrets behind his invention, the Institute canceled his funding.

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Dr. Reece was quickly able to find a new financial backer - a man by the name of Alvin Zann. Little did the good Doctor realize his benefactor's true intentions - to use the device to gain access to the planet's great vaults - especially the vault belonging to the Bank Of Altor!

Brogan and Haldane's attempts to locate Reece prove to be futile. Zann has murdered the inventor, stolen the invention and is in full preparation to pull off the greatest heist in the history of Demeter City.

"D-Day" arrives. With Dr. Reece's invention concealed inside his briefcase, Zann enters the bank, breaks the bank's security system, enters the vault, dons an inflatable space suit (complete with oxygen tank) and seals the door behind him. Zann pulls the device out of the briefcase and flicks the switch. Again a brilliant pea-sized blue dot appears in mid-air above the device; then begins to expand into a large three dimensional orb. Soon the orb slowly moves towards the back wall of the vault. Effortlessly, the orb pushes out the entire wall. A mining vessel belonging to Xanadu Enterprises sits on the other side of the wall; its portals wide open to accept the shower of gold bullion that pours into a smelter's open port, tumbling into the roaring heat below.

Hot on Zann's trail, Brogan and Haldane head for the bank. With bank officials in tow, they race to the elevator and descend to the vault. Their only hope of nabbing Zann is through the vault door, but the door is sealed with Zann inside. At Brogan's insistence, a bank technician triggers the emergency switch, blowing the vault locks and triggering the motors that crank the door open. What Brogan has yet to realize is that the vault's back wall is completely gone. Hence, the vault is totally void of oxygen. All the air is being sucked out into deep space. Soon, all of *them* will be sucked out into deep space as well - except for Zann, who, clad in a space suit and oxygen tank, is immune.

The hinges of the vault door start to move. Slowly it cranks open. Instantly the hallway becomes a swirling tornado of rushing air. Their fate now apparent, Brogan, Haldane and the bank executives run for their lives toward the elevator, but it can't hold all of them. The bank execs pile in. The doors close. The elevator ascends - without Brogan or Haldane. The winds assume gale force. Rapid depressurization begins to destroy the ante room, hurling furniture about, ripping the covers off the walls and exposing the dense steel underneath. Brogan and Haldane's fate seems to be sealed when suddenly the elevator doors swing open. The officers scramble to the elevator just as the rushing air turns the vault hallway into a death trap.

Moments later Brogan and Haldane's cruiser zooms out of the bank's docking bay. Making a hair-pin turn, it heads behind the building, past the large gaping hole, for a final confrontation with the villainous rock snatcher.

LOG LINE

Lieutenant Brogan (Ted Shackelford) and Officer Haldane (Rob Youngblood) investigate a series of bank robberies where precious metals are being stolen and laundered through an asteroid mining operation.

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CAST

Lieutenant Patrick Brogan
Officer Jack Haldane
Officer Jane Castle
Sally Brogan
Matt
Liz
Podly
Romek
Orrin
Took
Fredo
Lionel Carson

Ted Shackelford
Rob Youngblood
Simone Bendix
Nancy Paul
Nick Klein
Megan Olive
Jerome Willis
Lou Hirsch
Richard James
Mary Woodvine
David Quilter
Joe Mydell

EPISODAL CAST

Alvin Zann
Ann Drog
Dar
Naru Reece/Bank Manager
Bank Alarm Technician/Van Driver #1
Dr. Rudd/Saleswoman
Bank Assistant
Stunts/Van Guard #1

Bradley Lavelle
Melissa Knatchbull
Andy Dawson
Rob Thirtle
Wayne Forester
Alexa Rosewood
Leigh Tinkler
Glenn Marks

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Producer
Associate Producer
Co-Executive Producers

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Screenplay
Director of Photography
Music
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